

BLM Study Review of Hells Canyon Complex Studies

Results of an Archaeological Survey of Hells Canyon Transmission Lines 907, 908, 909, 910, and 913, Baker and Wallowa Counties, Oregon, and Adams County, Idaho

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1.INTRODUCTION

Idaho Power Company contracted Rain Shadow Research to conduct a cultural resource survey along the right-of-way for these five existing transmission lines to identify any cultural resources, to make an initial evaluation of those resources for the National Register of Historic Places, and to assess possible impacts to those cultural resources.

2.CONCLUSION

Rain Shadow Research completed a Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the lines. They discussed known nearby sites and newly discovered resources. They made preliminary evaluations about site significance and discussed possible impacts including transmission line-related impacts.

3.STUDY ADEQUACY

Line 907 crosses lands in Idaho for a very short distance, therefore the Oregon BLM Archaeologist is the primary reviewer for this report.

Initial review indicates that the study meets BLM and State Historic Preservation Office standards. Smithsonian numbers have not been assigned to newly discovered resources yet.

This study met goals set in *Study Plan 8.4.1*.

4.BLM CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS:

The survey was adequate, but minor typographical errors could be corrected. Additional coordination between BLM, USFS, SHPOs and Idaho Power Company will be required to evaluate sites, assess impacts and consider possible mitigation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The BLM, SHPO and IPC need to discuss the significance, impacts and possible mitigation. The history of the constructed line should be noted in any revisions of this report.

